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William E. “Bill” Compton, 71, of Biglerville, PA, passed away peacefully in York, PA on Saturday, May 24th 2025. Born July 29th 1953 in Frederick, MD; he was the eldest son of the late John E. Compton Sr. and the late Shirley G. (Gay) Compton.

Bill was a 1971 graduate of Governor Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick, MD. He was a heavy machinery mechanic by trade, but spent most of his life as a gunsmith and volunteer firefighter. He could do it all! His family and friends knew him as someone that could be depended on and would tell you the honest truth about anything. He had a passion for the outdoors and could often be found tending to his garden, up in a tree stand hunting whitetail, or at one of many different shooting competitions. He is going to be deeply missed by those privileged enough to know him.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Sara B. Compton; son William E. “Eddie” Compton Jr. and wife Tricia of Hedgesville, WV; daughter Jessica M. Ketterman and life partner Ronnie of Sabillasville, MD; stepson Dustin Duley of Waynesboro, PA; stepdaughter Stacey Crawford and husband Donald of Libertytown, MD; brother Robert A. Compton and wife Ruth of Brookfield, NH; brother John E. Compton Jr. and wife Lisa of Glen Allen, VA; 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandson; and his beloved dogs Taz and Shadow. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 1 great-granddaughter.

Internment will be private at Resthaven Memorial Garden & Funeral Home in Frederick, MD. Family will hold a celebration of life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in his memory, to the Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department, 11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.



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Lisa Spielman lit a candle in honor of William.

Eddie & Jessica, Remember all the good times you had with your dad cherish those memories, alot of good times @ the firehallMay Bill rest in peaceLisa SpielmanWilton & Tammy, Chelsea, Will Alexis Smith Nelson & Tina , RJ & Ashley Smith & Family



June 3 at 11:57 AM



Tom Varrecchia posted:

Bill was my partner and best friend for 30 years. I still can't grip the fact he is gone. We spent many hours working together in the gunsmith shop and shooting cowboy matches. There is a wound in my life that will be very slow healing.

June 2 at 5:24 PM



Beate Varrecchia posted:

Dear Jug,Can't believe you're gone, so quickly. Have known you for almost 40 years, and your family the last 22 years. You were the picture of strength and always someone to rely on. You are missed every day. Cannot imagine that you are not going to pull in to our parking lot anymore.....Rest in peace, - this was way too early.Beate aka Kiddo

June 2 at 8:45 AM



Chuck Crooks posted:

Jug, we will all miss you, yet we know you are in a better place along with many of or departed friends and family.We shared many happy times playing "Cowboy" and those memories will last forever.Rest in peace my friend.Roo

June 1 at 8:12 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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